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1. On 30 September 1953, [redacted] the barracks installation north of Drachhausen had been surrounded by a barbed-wire fence; some of the buildings, as well as the bare brick structure of others, had been completed. [redacted] five buildings and the kitchen building would be ready for occupation by 1 October.¹ The buildings will allegedly be occupied by the troops stationed at the Forst Tauer camp. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation.²

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2. On 2 October, [redacted] a large motor vehicle and tank parking lot in Camp Forst Tauer. The parking lot was heavily guarded. A total of 80 to 100 vehicles, mostly trucks and including several radio trucks and sedans; and 70 to 80 canvas-covered tanks, including at least 1 T-34 or T-43 tank were seen. Motor vehicle [redacted] was identified.²

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1. [redacted]

2. Comment. The information indicates that elements of the 9th Mecz Div were still stationed at Camp Forst Tauer on 2 October. The bulk of the division, since mid-September, was back in the Cottbus and Weisswasser areas. The 80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, in April 1953, had turned over to the KVP its quarters in Spremberg, and since then, had been unlocated. It is assumed that the regiment, at present, is stationed in Camp Forst Tauer and is to transfer to one of the two installations north and east of Drachhausen.

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